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SUBJECT: IMCO AD HOC WORKING GROUP

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1. WE RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF POINTS FRG MAKES AND BELIEVE WE COULD GO ALONG WITH PROPOSED NAME CHANGE AND ARTICLE 2 AMENDMENT AT FEBRUARY WORKING GROUP MEETING IF THERE APPEARS TO BE SUPPORT FOR THIS. NAME CHANGE MAY BE REGARDED BY SOME AS UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTANTIVE MOVE TO GIVE "REGULATORY" CHARACTER TO ORGANIZATION (AND POSSIBLY COMPLICATIONS, THEREFORE, IN OBTAINING ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION.) EMBASSY MAY PASS ALONG OUR TENTATIVE POSITION AND COMMENTS TO FRG EMBASSY.

2. IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF SUBJECT MATTER BEFORE MEETING WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT HAVE ESPECIALLY COMPETENT
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CHAIRMAN FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF ISSUES WHICH MAY COME

INTO PLAY. STEEL OF UK WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE, IN OUR VIEW, IF HE COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT. AFTER CONSULTING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL SRIVASTAVA TO ASSURE HE HAS NO OBJECTION, REQUEST EMBASSY EXPLORE WHETHER STEEL MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DO SO.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IN ANY EVENT LEARNING SRIVASTAVA'S VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 3 STATE 6918.

4. TWO MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION (GRIP AND HINTZE) EXPECT TO ARRIVE LONDON IN ADVANCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH SRIVASTAVA AND UK OFFICIALS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, ON WORKING GROUP PROSPECTS.

5. MOSCOW. IMCO WORKING GROUP CONVENED TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS (MAINLY THOSE SUBMITTED BY FRANCE) FOR AMENDING IMCO CONVENTION. SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AT PREVIOUS IMCO MEETINGS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO U.S. DELEGATIONS ABOUT SUBJECT AND INTEREST IN PRIOR CONSULTATION. WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FEBRUARY 14-16 IN LONDON IF TRAVEL PLANS OF SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO FEBRUARY 17-21 MEETING WOULD PERMIT.

6. OTTAWA. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM MILLAR, IMCO COORDINATOR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, THAT GRIP AND HINTZE WOULD WELCOME GET TOGETHER IN LONDON FEBRUARY 14-16 FOR CONSULTATIONS HE HAS SUGGESTED. KISSINGER

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